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Applicants: TADASHI MASUDA

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For : WIPER ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant has attached to this Amendment documents entitled "Marked-up Copy of the Previous Claims" and "Amended Claims". Please replace present claim 4 in this application with amended claim 4 shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims". Please add new claims 5-6 as shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims".

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age (years)	34.5	10.2	18	55
Gender (Male/Female)	15/15			
Education (years)	12.5	1.5	9	15
Occupation (Student/Worker)	10/5			
Marital status (Single/Married)	12/3			
Family size (number of children)	1.5	1.0	0	3
Income (USD/month)	150	50	50	250
Health status (Healthy/Unhealthy)	12/3			
Smoking status (Smoker/Non-smoker)	5/10			
Alcohol consumption (Yes/No)	3/12			
Exercise frequency (times/week)	2.5	1.5	0	5
Dietary habits (Vegetarian/Non-vegetarian)	8/7			
Stress level (Low/Medium/High)	4/6/5			
Sleep quality (Good/Poor)	10/5			
Work-life balance (Satisfied/Dissatisfied)	7/8			
Overall life satisfaction (1-5)	3.5	0.8	1	5

4. The vehicle wiper assembly of [any one of claim 1 to claim 3] claim 1, wherein each of said first weak point and said second weak point having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of a vehicle fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the wiper arm.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

4. The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 1, wherein each of said first weak point and said second weak point having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of a vehicle fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the wiper arm.

5. (New) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 2, wherein each of said first weak point and said second weak point having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of a vehicle fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the wiper arm.

6. (New) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 3, wherein each of said first weak point and said second weak point having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of a vehicle fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the wiper arm.

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